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Mr Michael Lye  
Deputy Secretary  
Department of Health and Aged Care

Dear Mr Lye,

**Certification of Independent Reviews and Supplementary Materials for the Purposes of Impact Analysis**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 November 2022 certifying independent reviews in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety as having undertaken a process and analysis equivalent to an Impact Analysis (IA, formerly known as a Regulation Impact Statement).

The Office of Impact Analysis (OIA, formerly the Office of Best Practice Regulation) acknowledges the certification. Under the Government's Impact Analysis process, the OIA does not assess the adequacy of independent reviews, but does assess whether the options analysed in the independent review and supplementary materials are relevant to the regulatory proposal. The OIA also assesses whether the independent review or certification letter identifies regulatory costs.

In this case, the OIA assessment is that the options analysed in the independent review and the supplementary materials provided are sufficiently relevant to the regulatory proposal. The OIA also notes the Department of Health and Aged Care has estimated there will be an increase in regulatory burden of \$8.91 million per annum for the recommended option.

I would appreciate the Department of Health and Aged Care advising the OIA when a final decision has been announced and forwarding a copy of the independent review and the supplementary materials in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OIA will publish the independent review, along with your certification and the supplementary Impact Analysis, on the OIA's website <https://oia.pmc.gov.au/>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Lange', written over a white background.

Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
21 November 2021